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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

1-68. (Cancelled)

69. (New) Apparatus comprising:

a device having a cavity therein, said cavity having at least two electrodes having contact surfaces adapted to contact tissue collected therebetween, and said cavity further having a suction lumen in communication therewith;
an optical energy source adapted for transmitting optical energy to an outer surface of said tissue collected between said electrodes; and
an electrical energy source connected to said electrodes.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 69, wherein said electrical energy is radio frequency (RF) energy.

71. (New) The apparatus of claim 70, further comprising a suction mechanism in communication with said suction lumen.

72. (New) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein said optical energy is selected from the group consisting of Intense Pulsed Light, laser energy, and blue light.

73. (New) The apparatus of claim 72, comprising a reflector in said cavity for reflecting optical energy scattered from said outer surface of said tissue back thereto.

74. (New) The apparatus of claim 70, comprising a cooling mechanism for cooling an outer surface of said tissue collected between said electrodes.

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75. (New) A method for treating tissue, the method comprising:
collecting a portion of tissue between at least two contact surfaces of respective at least two electrodes, such that an outer surface of said tissue is in contact with said surfaces of said electrodes;
transmitting optical energy from an optical energy transmitting element to an outer surface of said portion of tissue collected between said electrodes; and
applying electrical energy to said portion of tissue collected between said electrodes.
76. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein said electrical energy is radio frequency (RF) energy.
77. (New) The method of claim 76, wherein said collecting a portion of tissue comprises applying negative pressure to said portion of tissue.
78. (New) The method of claim 76, comprising applying an electromagnetic conductive medium to said portion of tissue.
79. (New) The method of claim 78, wherein said electromagnetic conductive medium is a conductive lotion.
80. (New) The method of claim 76, comprising measuring the volume of said secured portion of tissue.
81. (New) The method of claim 76, wherein said optical energy is selected from the group consisting of Intense Pulsed Light, laser energy, and blue light.
82. (New) The method of claim 76, comprising reflecting optical energy scattered from said outer surface of portion of tissue back thereto.
83. (New) The method of claim 76, comprising cooling an outer surface of said portion of tissue.
84. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising applying a lotion between said electrode surfaces and said portion of tissue.
85. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising applying a gel between said electrode surfaces and said portion of tissue.